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WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING?

WHAT WILL BE THE ULTIMATUM? IS THE CHURCH RETROGADING?

Ministerial Bigotry Assuming Notorious Proportions—Important Offices Filled by Incompetent Men—Money or Souls?

EDITOR FREEMAN:

If one is to judge from the tendencies of the various newspaper articles it would appear that the A. M. E. church had been converted into a great political institution, from which premiums had been offered, to the men who could name the greatest number of persons for the sacred office of bishop. Men are offered for general officers and bishops who are no more fit to be bishops than a monkey is fit to be president of the United States of America. Never since the birth of African Methodism were there such a greed for office. Personal aggrandizement and ministerial bigotry have assumed notorious proportion and an issue more serious than the Arian heresy confronts the church. When ministers reduce the sacred callings of the Master to a common level with political trickery there are great reasons to fear the future results of such operations. This is true, I am sorry to say, of our church to-day. There is no more sacredness associated with the office of bishop than there are connected with the office of president. If this state of things continue much longer, decent men will not allow their names used in connection with the office of bishop. The thing has become ridiculous.

A prominent newspaper man informs me that several men have written themselves up for the office of bishopric and sent the matter to him for publication. Three or four of my Arkansas brethren have been nominated for the bishopric. From all over the country comes claims and demands for this brother and that brother or sister. A good brother in New York has nominated half the members of the General Conference for some office and winds up by offering his own name in connection with a fat and honorable position on the roll. A great "politico-ecclesiastical" convention was held in Tennessee to nominate a good brother for the bishopric. A similar convention was held out in Texas in Bishop Lee's work—"The Modest Man." Our New York correspondent has discussed very nearly every man in the connection pro and con. Some how poor Dr. Coppin, once his champion friend, has become his victim. While I am by no means a Coppin man, yet I believe in giving the "devil his dues." They say Coppin has not made a good editor; this charge is not true. Coppin has more than held his own as editor of the highest literary periodical of the connection. Compare the writings of Coppin and Dr. Tanner, and Coppin suffers nothing by the comparison. Dr. Tanner is dry and classical; Dr. Coppin is spirited and learned. Of the two I prefer Dr. Coppin. However, better writers than either can be easily had. While Bishop Turner is the most interesting writer in our church, Dr. J. C. Embry is the most logical and profound, Dr. Embry is the man for the Review, if he is not elected a bishop.

New York City seems to be the "politico-ecclesiastical" headquarters of the A. M. E. church. From that point is heralded all the connectional proclamations, and by the order of the managers of this devil instituted organization, danger signals are hoisted, and blasted lies are rushed into the newspapers and scattered over the land. The situation has become alarming; good men are wont to exclaim as did the old weeping prophet in the days of rebelious Israel: "Oh that my head was water and mine eyes a fountain of tears, etc." Oh, these church politicians—these ecclesiastical hair-splitters and theological scamps! The church is full of them; they have proclaimed sanctification and come forth as reformers. Some of them have laid bare their own awful sins in order to freely berate and slander others. Poor fellows; they will be of few days and those few days will be full of trouble. Reformers must first be reformed. A man cannot easily be a horse thief and whore-master to-day, and to-morrow the honored apostle of reform. The people won't believe such a "start-naked" and devil-blushing lie as that; such selfconstituted reformers are fools anyway Reformers are called of God. They are men endowed with extraordinary power. John Wickliffe and Martin Luther were reformers indeed. They went forth not as blatant, foul-mouthed slanderers, but as burning lights, convincing the people by their holy lives and powerful arguments that their cause was a righteous one; they succeed; but a common blackguard cannot succeed in the true sense of the word. He may succeed in venting his spleen upon some unfortunate brother or sister who fell into temptation and sin; but what is gained when you succeed in casting the odor of scandal and disgrace over the life of an unfortunate brother? Have you made the man better or worse? Have you helped or hindered? Have you obeyed the teachings of a just God or have you been influenced by a revengful spirit? What does the good book teach: "Help your fallen brother rise while the days are going by."

There are scores of men to-day who are trying to ride into popularity by parading the short comings of others to the public. But my brother, what of thyself. Have you ever told a lie? Have you committed adultery? Have you tipped the wine glass? Have you faulsely accused and robbed your fellowman of that most sacred of all of his possessions, character. After all, who are you, but a wretched sinner save by grace, or a miserable deceiver covered with the grab of hypocracy? Beware less the net you set for others catch your own feet. Sin should be denounced; criminals should be punished; transgressors should be brought to account, but this should be done in a legitimate manner, and in a spirit of christian love. The true christian weeps rather than rejoices over the misfortunes of a fellow traveler. We may be on the mountain of extacy to-day decrying everybody and everything, but to-morrow's sun may shine upon you graveling in the dark valley of misfortune and dispondency. Then it is, that we need the helping hand of a friend; then we need cheering words and wholesome counsel. Beware ye self-appointed apostles of reform; mind, less you fall at the hands of your own pretended adherents. Your position is more precausious than the Emperors of Rome, who fell at the hand of the Practorian Guards. There is a great moral issse involved in your case. Remember Old Julian of Roman history; raised in a day, to the imperial throne of Rome, by the Practorian Guards—as soon, yes sooner struck down in death, by the same strong hands that robed him with the imperial purple. Pertinax, Commodus, Caraculla, and others fell cold in death by the very hands that helped to place them on throne. Perhaps such will be your fate, my bastful brother; those who cheer you on in your slanderous mission, may turn upon you with unsheated dagger and like Brutus, strike you to the heart. You may yet fall a victim to your own intrigues. Beware, beware. The noble self-sacrificing spirit of the fathers have about died from our alters; stagnation and death stare us in the face. Church debts, unsupported publishing enterprises haunt us like a grim spectre. Money, money, money, all the time money churches are turned into theatrical and Negro minstrel halls; festivals are given in preference to devotional services. The festivals are veritable hell holes. I have known stewards to sell liquor at them. At conference the man who reports the most money is the biggest preacher. The salvation of souls are largely lost sight off. Ignorant preachers, because they can be used by presiding elders, are recommended to the bishops for the very best appointment. A few of our bishops smile when you move to give them a hundred dollars for a conference dash. I knew one who collected money for ten years to make a visit to Europe in quest of health and died with out going there. A good brother tried to raise an issue in the church, between the old and young men; he is himself a young man; he wants an office; poor fellow he failed, the scheme did not work. Office, office, money, money, is the cry. Sinners are going to hell, conventional interests are suffering, human buzzards are probing into every moral carcass, and men unworthy of notice have styled themselves the modern apostles of reform.

A. L. RIDGEL, A. B.,

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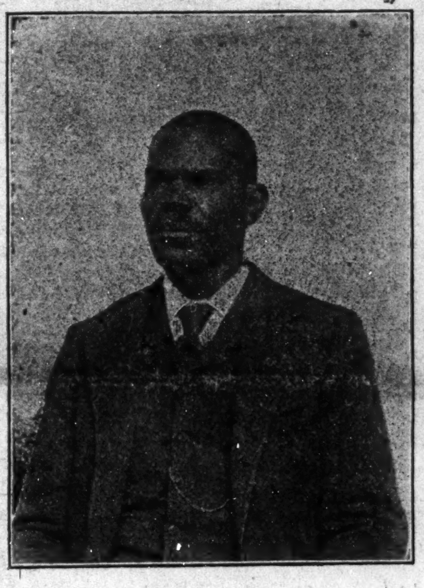

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

MOST INTERESTING IN THE HISTORY OF THE NORMAL.

Annual Address Delivered By Bishop Turner—Dr. Heard, Consul General to Liberia Captures the Audience—Line of Work.

Normal, Ala., Special.

The most interesting commencement in the history of the State Normal and Industrial school, has just closed. The exercises were highly creditable throughout, and were witnessed by great crowds of visitors from all directions. Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., of Selma, Ala., delivered an able, instructive and inspiring commencement sermon. Col. George P. Keys. of Sheffield, gave one of the most excellent addresses ever delivered at Normal. He spoke on "The two roads of life." As a word painter, Col. Keys has no superior in the whole country. His thoughts are lofty and always lift up his audience. Prof. J. D. Bibb, of Montgomery, excelled himself in an address before the literary society, which called forth rounds of applause from start to finish. He is one of the most eloquent Negros in the country. Rev. G. M. McClellan delivered the annual address before the Y. M. C. A. Rev. E. W. Williams delivered a fine address before the religious societies, and Rev. N. H. Speight delivered the annual address before the graduates from the Industrial department. It was an effort worthy of the occasion. On commencement day two great speeches were made. Bishop Turner delivered the annual address before the graduating class of the Literary Department. The Bishop was in a happy mood, and it is needless to say that he made a masterly, philosophical, eloquent speech, and altogether practical. Hon. W. H. Heard, Minister Resident and Consul General to Liberia, was well received and captured the great audience by his matchless power of description, narrative eloquence and sound sense. All who attended the exercises were simply charmed and inspired to noble lives by these great sermons, lectures and speeches,

The exhibits of the results of the labor in the literary department were amazing, and visitors went away convinced that Normal is doing the work needed to lift up the Negro of the South. Buildings are constructed, hundreds of acres of land cultivated, carriages, wagons and buggies, shoes made and fit, etc., all by the students of Normal. One of the finest pieces of work ever turned off by a school is to be seen at Normal. It is a complete surveyor's outfit, cut out of the commercial material—even some of the fine dies were made in the shop by hand. It is a wonderful piece of work. President Councill delivered sixty-seven diplomas; thirty-one to the literary department and thirty-six to the Industrial departments. The Industrial graduates include farmers, blacksmiths, cooks, nurses, seamstresses, shoemakers, laundresses and carpenters. There were also two graduates from the department of instrumental music and two from the Commercial department. The reports from the field and the meetings of the Alumni association show that the graduates of this great Institution are entering and honorably acquitting themselves in their various avocations. More than four hundred students were enrolled this year, representing half of the counties in Alabama, eleven states of the Union, and Monrovia in Africa. The singing at Normal is quite a feature, the naturally superior voices of the students being highly cultivated.

Commencement Exercises.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The commencement of the Baptist Bible and Normal Institute was held the 27th, ult. The program was well rendered. The young ladies and gentlemen were handsomely dressed. An enjoyable recital was given last Monday night at Beale Street church by Memphis talent. The program was well rendered. The commencement exercises of the Kortrecht high school was held at the Auditorium Friday evening, the 29th, ult., was a success. Large as the spacy building was, it was crowded. The curtains went up on a conservatory scene overlooking a garden. The ladies seated on the stage were handsomely dressed, and with the many incandescent lights sending forth their rays on the sisters, made it a beautiful sight. The exercises were opened by a school chorus, "Morning Invitation;" invocation, Rev. J. N. Abby; chorus, "Blow Soft Winds;" Miss Beatrice McGuire in an oration, "Power of Kindness;" oration, Miss Lillian Allen, "Woman's Spere;" oration, Miss Mary L. Neal, "What Makes the Man;" song, Miss Alberta Wilson; oration, "Miss Tennie E. Christian, "Carve your own Fortune;" oration, Miss Iola Bailey, "Dignity of Labor;" oration, Miss Eliza L. Mays, "Devotion to Duty and to God;" oration, Miss Ida B. Wade, "Opportunities for Educated Young Women;" oration, Miss Alzada E. Thompson, "The Electorial Franchise;" valedictory, "Purpose and Will," Miss Mary L. Anderson; presentation of diplomas; chorus, "Chant we Now;" Misses Mary Hall and Paul Crawford, teachers of the school, sang a duet, "The Fisherman," which was much enjoyed and was recalled to praise one would be doing an injustice to the others of the class, for all acquitted themselves creditably. A. J. H. Bass is agent for The Freeman and papers can be found at 52 Simmons Avenue and 151 Beale Street. Fred E. Alexander, late of Memphis, Tenn., but now of Kansas City, Mo., denies the report that he was married to Miss Ida P. Byers, as was stated in The Freeman, May 23.

Current Events.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Saturday Gov. Bushnell visited us and was the site of the old camp where he was stationed in the 60's. He expressed himself well pleased with Wilberforce and promised an early return. Gen. Axline, Supt. Lanning and others accompanied him. Prof. Shorter received the distinguished visitor. They are always welcome. President Mitchell and W. A. Anderson accompanied R. W. White to Pittsburg to represent Ohio in the national oratorical contest, 26th inst. While not a prize winner he fully sustained his reputation, so much so that the leading contestants, many in the audience, the professor of elocution of Depauw and the Ohio delegation ranked him among the winners. He was presented a handsome book and his photopraph was requested by one of the managers. In the last days of the general conference at Wilmington, N. C., that body passed all the legislation which Wilberforce worked earnestly to secure. Endowment and the first educational district resisted all attack. Liberal annual appropriation were made for the university and Payne Seminary. Bishop Lee was selected as president of the Educational Board and Prof. Jno. R. Hawkins of N. C., secretary, the former opens the commencement week, the latter delivers the the annual address before literary societies. Bishop Grant is shaping the estate of Bishop Ward in Washington, whose christian Philanthrophy leaves to Payne Seminary, Wilberforce, Paul Quinn and other schools his property at Bennings, D. C. Eucation and the race never had a noblier advocate. By voice, by pen, by generous gifts, he held aloft the banner of christian culture. Bishop Grant scrupulously follows the directions of his will and dividing the estate. Chaplin Geo. W. Priolean of U.S. army and wife will be visitors here during commencement week. Bishops Arnett Lee president Mitchell were seranaded by the W. B. C. Company last night. Dr. Gearborough at home again.

Grand Entertainment.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Ann Cleveland died the 17th ult. Her funeral was held at 12 o'clock, Rev. R. A Hill officiated. Her funeral was largely attended and she leaves eleven children and husband. She belonged to lodge No. 14, Daughters of Syreon of the W. P. L. A. A., they nicely cared for her, The exercises was grand. The entertainment given by the W. P. L. A. A was a grand success. Mrs. Lucindy Watson of Shelbyville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maupin on the 29th, The children's rally day comes off the first Sunday in every month. Everybody is invited. Rev. S. B. Taylor of Nashville, preached an able sermon.

TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.

Floral Drill—Will Enter the Summer School—Personal and Other Notes.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Special.

Miss Ella Leatherman and Clarence Corbett were united in marriage last week. Miss Righty May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Turner, died Sunday, May 17th. The remains were taken to Canada for burial. Miss Carry Freeman is recovering slowly. Mrs. Jane Lewis has been removed to Jackson. Miss Dora Gracen, music teacher in the Tecumseh school, is visiting friends and attending the May Festival. Luther Meanx, of Lansing, has been in the city a few days. Edwin Harper left for Summerville the 16th, ult. Mr. Webb, of Detroit, is visiting Miss Emily Harper. Edward J. Lewis, of Howell, has accepted a position on the Ann Arbor railroad. Mr. Hutt, of Alabama, has just arrived in Ann Arbor with the intention of entering the summer school. There was floral drill with a literary and musical ram given at the A. M. E. church May 27th. Mrs. Mary Miller has been removed to the U. of M. Hospital. Miss Alice De Hazen of Ypsilanti, is the organist of the A. M. E. church, during Miss Carrie Freeman's illness. Wm. Zebb left the 25th, ult., for Toledo, O., where he will remain during the summer. John Slater has accepted a position as hack driver from Geo. Craige's barn. The Misses Collins, Highgates, Farmer, Mamie and Esther Hayes, of Ysilanti, spent Sunday, the 24th, ult., in Ann Arbor. Miss Minnie Dyer, formerly of Lansing, gave an elegant spread at the Hospital for Girls the 28th, ult.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE NEW BISHOPS CAUSE A LITTLE RIPPLE WITH DELEGATES.

An Alleged Skeleton Unearthed to Curry Favor—After Preston—Bishop Turner Misunderstood—Ministry Will not Submit.

Plutarch says: "A man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies, because if you indulge this passion on some occasions, it will rise of itself in others; if you hate your enemies you will contract such a vicious habit of mind, as by degrees will break out upon those who are your friends or those who are indifferent to you." The last General Conference of the A. M E. church furnishes illustrations of both the obedience and violation of this good rule. Correspondents to weekly papers wisely put off sending communications of any length until the close of the convention. The news side of this great gathering was presented in the daily papers of the city which were mailed by the hundreds to those at a distance. These reports, however, could only include a recital of the actual events; they could not go beneath the surface and discuss the underlying motives, nor trace the working out of great principles as represented by various parties. It remains for the weekly papers to present to the laity and clergymen calm, deliberate and thorough discussions of the deeper facts, forces and principles and to teach or at least point out the lessons of the hour. To say that the General Conference did such and such a thing is simply to state a bare and isolate fact. Those who think earnestly and deeply will want to know the "whys" and the "hows."

Almost to a man the delegates from South Carolina were committed to the proposition, "retrenchment and no new Bishops." To a man the bishops themselves were committee to the proposition, "three new Bishops." The rest of the General Conference was divided as to these propositions, but were in the main committed to the support of some candidate. Early in the session the astute leaders of South Carolina began to inject into various discussions utterances of their sentiment, "retrenchment and no new Bishops." So frequently, so systematically, so forcibly was this done that supeficial observers began to conclude that the sentiment of the conference inclined toward retrenchment. The more thoughtful were not long in locating the source and ascertaining the precise limits of the retrenchment talk. They concluded that about fifty would make a more or less earnest fight for retrenchment and against the election of more bishops. The episcopal committee reported in favor of filling the existing vacancies which would call for the election of four bishops. A minority report recommended that no bishops be elected. Thus early in the session the great question was brought squarely and fairly before the house. It would bave been settled in twenty minutes had not Bishop Turner misunderstood the situation and undertaken to make an argument in favor of three.

Things have so vastly changed since the days when the good Bishop formed his habits of thought and speech that he is scarcely able to "size up" a modern assembly or to strike the popular chord. What he said was misunderstood by some and misrepresented by others to such an extent as to breed the wildest confusion. Bishop Turner delights in stormy scenes and walked out in the midst of the strife with a feeling that he had done a "mighty big thing." It was at this important crisis that the sagacity of Lawyer T. McCants Stewart interposed and saved both the time and temper of the General Conference by submitting the question in a series of proportions under a rule requiring that the vote be taken without discussion and without interruption. In a very short time it was decided to have three new bishops and that the election take place on the 13th of May. When this decision was reached the retrenchment party fell into line with jolly good humor and earnestly went to work for the men deemed most fit. No greater evidence than this very fact could be asked by those who desire to behold the signs of our progress as a church.

The leader, by virtue of personal force and breadth of view, of the South Carolina delegation is the Rev. Dr. Chappelle, but Dr. Jefferson is the more experienced and well poised man, however he lacks Chappelle's aggressive spirit. Many of us have heretofore misunderstood Chappelle and have regarded him as a mere obstructionist of the obnoxious class represented by a thoughtless fellow from Georgia named Gibson, but there are a few who have not seen in Dr. Chappelle a deep, earnest and honest purpose to promote the welfare of the church. I watched him with care during the entire session and never once did I find him obstinately contending for small points. The last four years have wonderfully duped his convictions and ripened his opinions and he possessed the courage of his views and stood up for them without regard to opposition. He is still somewhat provincial and is still inclined to base his opinions upon merely local data. Four years in a genera office with the wide experience it would afford would give him a breadth of views which with his other qualities would make him a man of unusal power. Had it not have been for the unintentional impediment placed in the way by Dr. J. H. Welsh, Dr. Chappelle would to-day be secretary of the Sunday School Union. The church needs Chappelle and Chappelle needs to travel and become acquainted with the church as a whole.

But let us return to the main thought. The great and all absorbing interest of the conference has centered in the task of selecting from the many good men offered the three best fitted to meet the present requirements of the office of bishop. In discussing the candidates the men exhibited a disposition of perfect fairness and candor and all would have gone on smoothly and well, had not a few who scented defeat permitted evil persons to control their better judgment. From the start it was the prevailing opinion that Dr. Derrick and Dr. Armstrong would be elected. It was also clear that if but three men were to be chosen, but one of them could be from a given section. The friends of Dr. Coppin therefore saw that his only chance demanded that four bishops instead of three be elected. Their first mistake was a clear manifestation of a mean spirit by startling the now historic cry "four or none," which meant if Coppin can't get in no one else shall. This spirit received the proper rebuke by an almost unanimous vote of the conference deciding in favor of three. Another event which evoked great indignation toward the perpetrators was the effort made to drive Dr. Preston from the field. Dr. Preston, early in the session, stated that he had been misled as to certain acts done by him as chairman of the episcopal committee in 1892 and he rather implicated Bishop Gaines and Dr. Coppin as the more or less responsible parties. He would almost surely have been elected chairman again had not a bitter opposition been raised by Bishop Gaines who declared that he would not go before the committee if presided over by Dr. Preston.

Shortly after this a woman was brought from South Carolina who claimed to recognize in Preston a former husband. The report that she had taken unto herself a second mate and had left him also during the nineteen years which he said had passed since her relations with Preston, gave the matter the look of a blackmailing scheme. Earnest efforts were made to find out who had resorted to such methods on the very eve of election. It was said that if any truth exist in the story it should have been attended to years ago, and that the bringing of such a thing to the front now looked like a base attempt to kill a man to carry a point. Bishop Gaines, Drs. Coppin and Dr. Geo. Gaines of Chicago were generally accused of leading off in the matter. Dr. Coppin alone made public attempt at denial and his denial was hooted. No attempt to blacken the characters of other candidates were made. In each of these instances the parties attacked clearly vindicated themselves and the effort recoiled upon the authors. Dr. Coppin was defeated for the bishopric and also for his old office as editor which was given to a layman; the only other candidates, Dr. Sampson and Rev. R. C. Ransom having withdrawn from the race. Dr. Derrick, against whom opposition had been directed by Bishop Gaines, was elected by the largest majority ever given to a bishop. It is said that Bishop Gaines' opposition to Dr. Derrick dates back to the General Conference of Baltimore.

Dr. J. H. Collett wore a red rose in his button hole for a day after the bishops had been elected and the assignment to districts made. He claims that Bishop Gaines and Dr. Coppin had fought him when the delegates to General Conference were elected. Dr. Jennifer claimed that perfect fairness had not been used in removing him from the Metropolitan church. Others said that Bishop Gaines was in the city when the funeral of Dr. J. H. A. Johnson took place, but left without calling upon the family or attending the funeral. Still others said that he was vindictive and would place able men down on the list of appointments for personal reasons. Those and many other things were repeated from one to another and vouched for by various men who claimed to have seen and felt first what they proclaimed. One thing is clear: The ministry will no longer submit to tyranny from any source. If there are any bishops who are disposed to go too far beyond the limit of their authority they are sure to be punished for it. What punishment could be keener than to be universally shunned and detested? Bishop Gaines may be the fatherly and kind-hearted man that he appears, if so the future will vindicate him. Before another General Conference I hope to be able to place before the church facts which will exhibit the good bishop in a fairer and more favorable light. I know that all would rejoice could it be done. The bishop may have simply been unfortunate in the friends and advisers whom he choose and may have been misled by those who would use him to further personal ends. This would be destructive to the usefulness of any bishop. A bishop must tower way above mere personal motives and must permit no one to enter the inner courts of his thoughts. The chief qualification of a man for the bishopric is that breadth of view and independence of mind which lifts him above all that is little, personal and spiteful, and enables him to make the cause he represents absolutely supreme.

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Obituary

Henry Lytle Thompkins was born in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 25, 1870, died May 11, 1896, in Anderson, Ind., aged 26 years, 8 months and 11 day.

Henry was one of Anderson's best known young men. He died at the home of his father, Rev. Thos. Tompkins, where he had been sick but a comparatively short time of consumption. In losing him, Anderson has lost one of its brightest lights. He was an obedient son, and a young man of excellent natural endowments, and for the interest he manifested in the Sabbath school, in society and all places of elevation, he was greatly beloved, and his labors will be greatly missed. He graduated from the Anderson public school with much credit to himself and race, with the class of '91, and the following year accepted a position as teacher of the school at Memphis, Ind., where he taught a successful term.

He professed faith in Christ a few days before his death, and in the hour of death expressed his willingness and readiness to meet his Savior. The funeral was conducted from the Second M. E. church by the pastor, Rev. Dupee, assisted by Rev. Allen, of the A. M. E. church. The services were very impressive. The funeral was one of the largest Anderson has witnessed. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Among them, one from his class, who attended the funeral in a body, and one from the Young Men's Political club, of which he was an honored member, and corresponding secretary. He leaves and aged father and loving mother, a dear brother and a host of friends to mourn his demise. He was laid to rest in Anderson cemetery.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our homes
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love has given;
And though the body slumbers now,
The soul is safe in heaven.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

A. M. E. Zion Church—Appointments Made—Officers Elected.

Mobile, Ala., Special.

The conference was opened promptly at 9 a. m., Bishop T. H. Thomas, D. D. presiding at the adoption of the report of the committee on districts, which divided the work and appointed the bishops as follows: First District, New York, New England, Central North Carolinia, Bishop Hood; Second District, Alabama, Central Alabama, Western North Carolina, Florida, Bishop T. H. Thomas; Third District, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, Alleghany, Ohio and Kentucky, Bishop C. C. Pettey; Fourth District, North Carolina, Blue Ridge, South Florida, Bishop C. R. Harris; Fifth District, South Carolina, Palmetto, Georgia, North Georgia, Bishop I. C. Clinton; Sixth District, Tennessee, New Jersey, Canada, Michigan and Viginia, Bishop A. Walters; Seventh Tistrict, Tennessee, West Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri and California, Bishop George W. Clinton; Eighth District, Louisiana, North Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, South Arkansas, Bishop Holliday; Ninth District, West Alabama, South Mississippi, North Alabama, Africa, West Indies, Bishop J. B. Small.

There was a large congregation assembled at 11 a. m., to witness the consecration service. The presiding Bishop, Rev. T. H. Thomas, D. D., introduced Rt. Rev. J. W. Hood D. D. L. L. D., who read the hymn, beginning: "How Beauteous are the Feet." Rev. D. H. Hill, of Rhode Island, presided at the altar; the choir consisted of Rev. F. B. Gather, Dr. J. W. Clinton, of Pennsylvania, Rev. F. M. Jacobs, of North Carolina, Mrs. D. Hill, of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Green, of Florida, and Mrs. Bingham, of Alabama, all members of the General Conference. Bishop Pettey read the scripture lesson from 1 Tim. 3-chapter, John 21 15-17, Matt. 27 18-20. All the bishops took part in the consecration service. Bishop I. C. Clinton preached the consecration sermon. At the conclusion of the sermon the ritual was executed as laid down in the discipline, the bishops elect kneeling at the altar. The six bishops laid their right hands upon the nead of the bishops elect—George Wylie Clinton, Julious Holliday, John Byron Small. The sonsecration service was very impressive. The newly elected bishops received the sacrement together with the other members of the conference, hand shaking, embracing and hearty congratulations followed. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hood.

At the afternoon session the bishop's salary was fixed at $2,000 per annum, including traveling expenses. Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. B., of Washington, D. C., was elected president of the Varich Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. George L. Blackwell, A B. S. T. B., was elected general manager of the publication department of the church; Rev. Wm. Howard, D. D., was re-elected general secretary by acclamation: Rev. J. W. Alstook was elected general steward by ballot; Rev. J. H. Anderson was elected statistical secretary and publisher of the Year Book; Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., was, by acclamation, elected editor of the Star of Zion; Rev. B. F. Wheeler, D. D., was elected educational secretary; Rev. A. J. Warner, D. D., was, by acclamation, elected secretary of the missionary and church extension department. The following ladies were elected officers of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society: President, Mrs. Bishop J. W. Hood; Vice President, Mrs. R. R. Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. Bishop C. R. Harris; Secretary, Mrs. Bishop C. C. Pettey.

A Grand Celebration.

Dekalb, Tex., Special.

The supper given at the C. M. E. church by the Odd Fellows was quite a success. All seem to enjoy themselves. J. Peterson was on the sick list last week T. S. McNight, the only colored bicyclist in the town, is making it very interesting for one to beat him. Prof. J. M. Johnson of Garland, Conn., was in last Saturday on business. Prof. R. B. Phelp of Rocky Comfort, Ark., made a hasty visit to Dekalb Sunday and returned. We are pained to know that our worthy pastor, Rev. W. B. Troops. has not arrived yet on the account of small-pox in Paris. A grand celebration for the 19th of June is planned. We hope to make it the grandest of the season. We hope to make it the grandest of all that has been arranged for that day. Speeches and subjects of various kinds will be delivered by distinguished men and women. While we are on the plan of civization let us come together as one solid mass of people, and make that a happy day.

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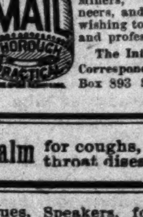

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The Remarkable Growth of the Order —Organized Feb. 12, 1896, (Lincoln's Birthday)—Its Origin, Aim and Object.

During the month of November, Augustus M. Hodges, (B. Square), together with several other writers of national note, received a letter from the publisher of The Freeman, requesting him to write an article for the Christmas number of that paper. The solution of the "Negro problem" has vexed the minds of all of our more or less distinguished divines, teachers, editors, writers and race leaders. The theories for the solution of the problem have been as many as were the debators. Some logical, some illogical, while scores were impractical. Mr. Hodges, like the rest, had his pet theory, which had almost grown to a hobby, so when requested to write, he penned under the caption of "The pursuit of business as a solution to the Negro problem," the five column article which appeared in the Christmas number of this paper over his name. After attempting to point out that the solution to the problem was wealth, and the key to wealth was business, he said: "There are two barriers standing in the pathway to my theory. * * * The barriers are, the general ignorance of our people about mercantile and business matters, and our lack of confidence and race pride. The first barrier can be moved by strictly business schools. The second, perhaps, by a secret order or society. Next to our religious devotions, as a race, comes our love for societies and 'orders.' He concluded by saying if a business society could be organized on the secret order of the Odd Fellows, Masons, Fishermen, etc., without infringing upon their secrets or workings, a goodly number would join." The idea at once found a resting place in the minds of a score or more of progressive business-like men and women in all parts of the country, who at once wrote to Mr. Hodges, asking him to organize a national or international secret business order, and pledged their mental, moral and best of all, their financial aid to perfect the order. He at once opened correspondence with twenty-five colored merchants and progressive race women, and the outcome of which was the formation of the Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce.

The members of the I. S. D. C. are pledged and duly sworn to purchase all their goods from colored merchants and shop keepers, when said merchant and shop keepers are members of the order, also to start stores in locations where there are none kept or owned by colored people. The Supreme Board of stockholders loan lodges money to start stores. You can not become non-financial as in the old societies. For every cent you put in your lodge you get a part of it back. The I. S. D. C., is not a death benefit society, but one to benefit you while you live, not after death, although we bury our dead. We differ from the old societies. Their motto is, "We care for the sick and bury the dead." Our motto, "We care for the well and raise the living." You can belong to as many other societies or orders as you wish, as the I. S. D. C. does not conflict with any of them. You can be of any religious or political faith. You are obliged to eat and wear clothes, why not buy from yourself? Why not save half your earnings? The I. S. D. C. intends to keep within the order the thousands of dollars spent yearly for food and clothing, and invest the profit of the same in paying real estate, stocks, government bonds, business, commerce, etc., by simply buying from its own branch stores.

We believe that the key to wealth is business. We believe that the key to business is race unity. We believe that the key to the so-called Negro problem are business, wealth and race unity. We believe that race unity along the avenues of business and commerce will open to us all, the gateway to true and full filledged American citizenship.

Another difference between the old societies and the new order is that we pay well benefits, not sick. Members in good standing receive when out of employment the same amount of money for the same stated time that the old societies give to sick members.

The growth of the organization has been something marvelous, and we expect on Feb. 12, '97 to number 1,000 circles (lodges), 5,000 members and have $10,000 as a whole to invest, aside from the investments of the several circles in the several states and sections. The order demands the careful inspection of all progressive men and women who desire to enjoy the benefits of cooperation while they live, not after death. To those why join secret societies for social benefits or pleasures, we would say the I. S. D. C. is one of the best; to those who join secret societies in order to delve into their hidden mysteries, we would say that it is one of the best; to those who wish only to be cared for when sick or dead, we would say the same; and to those progressive people who wish to cope with the other race in business, stock, bonds, money, wealth, honor, distinction and every other attribute of up-to-date progressive civilization, we say, "Come within the circle of the Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce."

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Progress, unity and co-operation in business, are the watchwords and war cries of the hour, and we, as a race, must either take up the same or step to the rear. It is a question of progression or retrogression; it is to be or not to be numbered with those who delve in business and commerce, or those that hew wood and "tote" water.

HENRY G. NEWBIE,
Master Merchant of Eureka Circle No. 121, I. S. D. C. and S. S. C. of the Supreme Board of Directors.

Clergymen in Politics.

There has been lately a manifest opposition among certain Afro-Americans against admitting the clergy into the councils of political conventions, but we are sure that after a perusal of the following excerpt taken from the Dublin (Ireland) Freeman's journal, that no unbiassed public spirit individual will dare to deny that such opposition is not only illogical, but unamencare.

What peculiar ability, commission or right is there in lay citizenship that enables it to dictate how far a clergyman may take part in the civil and political affairs of his country? What peculiar insight has the politician in these affairs that a clergyman of very average intelligence may not have? And if he be a good citizen—as he ought to be— and takes a commendable interest in the prosperity and well-being of his fellow citizens, what is there in his clerical calling to prevent him from telling in public what he considers the best means to the desired end? But his plans may be bad and his views erroneous. That is quite possible, and it is legitimate and proper to oppose them. But the opposition should be to the errors of his plans and views, and not to the fact that they were uttered by a clergyman. He may be wrong in his views, but he is quite as likely to be right as is the political guttersnipe who volunteers to instruct him.

The individual whose antomy is so alligatorous that the above logical conclusions do not penetrate the cerebellum, is a fit subject to experiment on with one of Roentgen's Xrays.

Personal Mention.

Rice, Tex., Special.

Rev. C. B. Becoats preached a sermon on the 24th inst., that will always be remembered by those who heard it. He preached from Matthew 5th-9th verse. Alex. Grant, an old citizen of Rice, died on the 17th. The funeral took place at Hope Will Baptist church, and was conducted by Rev. Lister, the ex-pastor. The public school closed on the 22nd inst., under the leadership of Prof. R.F. Taylor and Miss Mattie Buchanan. The concert was a success. Miss A. J. Battle and Miss Maggie Lister of Ennis visited here on the 24th. Miss Lister is teacher of music. Mr. A. DuBose has purchased a bicycle. C. W. Denson has returned from school being a student of Bishop College is at Marshall Tex. Children's day will be celebrated at Coffee Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday June 14th. The U. B. F.'s celebrated their first installment May 28th. The Corsicana Moody Band will be present. The Freeman is a beacon light to the Negro, see W. L. Dennis, the agent, and subscribe for it.

Party Purity.

It is very appropriate on the eve of the great nomination convention which is to be held this month, to say a few words to the delegates-at-large who will figure prominently in choosing a candidate for the nation's chief executive. The delegates should bear in mind that one of the most detrimental causes of political decay is its impurity. The party whose methods are cloaked in all illegitimate machinations of impiety, fail to elicit that spontaneous support which is given so magnamimously to the party whose advocates are above reproach. No party can be in a state of decay while it continues to uphold public purity. Such purity is not only a chief source of the people's greatness, for it is the foundation of that mutual confidence between the governed and the governors, on which in moments of national perils, everything depends, and when any party loses its purity that party is inevitably doomed. Therefore it behooves delegates of the different parties to impress upon the leaders, how essential it is that they seek the highest standard of purity which will elicit enconiums instead of contumely.

Held Their Annual Celebration.

Decherd, Tenn., Special.

Decherd Banner Lodge 3866, G. U. O. F. of O. F. gave its annual celebration Saturday May 23rd. The town was crowded from sister towns, and it was a gala day for the order. Sewance Juvenile brass band furnished music. The street parade was excellent. A handsome "pile of lucre" was realized. Mt. Olive Baptist church held union meeting Sunday May 24th. Prof. T. J. Townsend, the young pastor, was ordained during the meeting. The Exclessiastic Council consisted of Revs. D. A. and D. W. Townsend, L. Trimble and W. M. Simmons. Elder D. A. Townsend of Winchester, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. L. Trimble prayed ordination prayer, and Rev. D. W. Townsend presented the Bible. The exercises were quite impressive.

Church News—Personal Mention.

Sulphur Springs, Tenn., Special.

The churches here are on the move upward. The Methodist is striving to build or finish their new brick church, Rev. Heglar seems to have his plan laid. The Baptist church have on hand $200 for repairing and will begin in a few months. Miss Edith Watson has returned home from Bishop College to spend her vacation with parents and friends. Mrs. Sadie Hodges, Mrs. Silva Hollis, Miss Lizzie Holdman, and Mrs. Lizzie Nelson are champions for the M. E. church. Mesdames J. A. Biglow, Phebey Kelley, Nellie Corlee, Ellan Johnson, K. E. Hart, Rev. Mrs E. M. Richmond, Miss Dessie Kade, Sallie Bennard, champions in the Baptist church.

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MR. EDITOR:—I have read how Mr. C. E. B. made so much money in the Dish Washer business, and I think I have beat him. I am very young yet and have had little experience in selling goods, but have made over eight hundred dollars in ten weeks selling Dish Washers. It is simply wonderful how easy it is to sell them. All you have to do is to show the ladies how they work and they cannot help but buy one. For the benefit of others I will state that I got my start from the Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. Write to them and they will send you full particulars. I think I can clear over $3,000 the coming year, and I am not going to let the opportunity pass. Try it and publish your success for the benefit of others. J. F. C.

Clarinda Iowa News.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

Mr. Joe Baker was called to Bedford Friday to attend his mother-in-law's funeral. Two young men from Clarinda went to Bedford Friday, and were shunned by all their friends. They gave it up as a bad job and returned back to Clarinda.

A Chance to Make Money.

I have berries, grapes and peaches, a year old, fresh as when picked. I use the California Cold process, do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in ten minutes. Last week I sold directions to over 120 families; anyone will pay a dollar for directions, when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such, and feel confident any one can make one or two hundred dollars, round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and complete directions to any of your readers, for eighteen two cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc., to me.

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Commissioners Take Notice.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will convene in the city of Crawfordsville, June the 18-19, 1896. It is hoped all Commissioners will labor hard to make this the most successful year since the organization.

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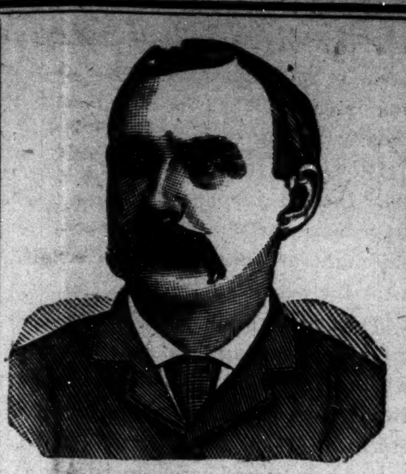

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had a large patronage from them.

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Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.

Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

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THE vacation days are at hand. The hopeful youth and the sweet girl graduate are in the land.

THE Hon. Cuney of Texas is hobnobbing in Washington, D. C. He is beating the bushes for Reed.

GURLEY BREWER of the High school of North Vernon sends us a beautiful card announcing the girl graduates.

RUSSIA mourns the loss of about 4000 citizens during the coronation ceremonies of the Czar, but the dance went on.

GOD tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. It is said that only a few Negroes were victims to the fearful St. Louis cyclone.

JUDGE STRAKER should be heard from during this period. What has he to say concerning the Colored Men's Confederation at St. Louis?

MINNESOTA suggests McKinley and McAlpin. Mack and Mack would be a euphonious campaign yell, smacking a trifle of sameness, however.

THERE is no harm in considering grievances of the race. No one will deny that they exist. Everybody is for McKinley. There is no conflict.

THE attempt of some Negroes to have it appear that McKinley's scalp is sought, is but a bid to get on the wagon. They should have selected better in the beginning.

ST. LOUIS has finally concluded to ask for assistance. Sympathy has already been manifested by people in foreign countries by the way of substantial contributions.

THERE is no reason why colored men should not meet to deliberate over their standing in this country. It does not need to be a side show. It can be the mani circus of its kind.

THE Philadelphia Record celebrated its nineteenth anniversary June 1st. It gives a synopsis of the progress of the paper from its incipiency, and a general resume of the prosperity of the city.

SENATOR QUAY concedes the nomination of McKinley on the first ballot at the St. Louis convention. He figures that McKinley will receive 479 votes on the first ballot; 19 more than necessary to nominate.

MR. CHAUNCEY DEPEW is the choice of the McKinley men for permanent chairman of the St Louis convention, Mr. Depew is a sound money man. McKinley considers it no risk in selecting him. McKinley is all right

THE FREEMAN does not hold that ex-slaves should not be pensioned in the sense that they should not be pensioned if there was a possibility of bringing such conditions about. It does hold, however, that the country is not prepared for such a question. No one thinks seriously concerning it. It is, therefore, vain, impracticable and visionary, fit simply to delude a too credulous people. Let it die a-bornin'.

KATE FIELDS, a noted American woman, a lecturer, actress, singer, and a newspaper correspondent, died last week. She stood high in the estimation of those of her varied professions. Her death is a decided loss to the whole country.

THERE was a deal made here last week which was intended to oust Gowdy the chairman of the Republican committee, but the old man held trumps, consequently the game was readily won. He is entitled to wear a placard, reading "hands off!"

THE STAMPEDE.

"The Negro leaders are getting their eyes open and have commenced a stampede from McKinley's column which will end in his defeat at St. Louis. He cannot be nominated without the Negro delegates and they will be found almost to a man in the field against him."—The Weekly (Dallas, Tex.) Express.

The assertion is broad enough, but upon what grounds is it based? Why should there be an anti McKinley demonstration on the part of the Negroes? If such an attempt is made solely upon the theory of kicking because it is possible, it will prove an unwholesome lesson to the Negro in the future. Just why the Negroes have had their eyes opened so recently is not known. No new facts have been sprung to the detriment of Mr. McKinley. If the all important discovery has been made that McKinley needs the Negro, it should not militate to his hurt. If these delegates have convictions that preclude the possibility of considering Mr. McKinley all so well and good, but an attempt to undo him on account of the ability to do so is reprehensible and can not redound to the Negroes' political sagacity, nor even to his credit for having common sense.

NEGROES TO THE RESCUE.

"The action of those poor colored roustabouts, who, during the terrible cyclone at St. Louis and East St. Louis which created such havoc in that vicinity, who saved the lives of little children, women and men of their white brother by battling with the raging, surging waters amidst death everywhere, returning repeatedly to sinking and burning vessels carrying some soul safely to shore, speaks louder than words. And yet those poor colored men belong to the despised and cursed black race. It is this same race that is daily outraged, kicked and spurned that protected the homes, the wives and the babes; picked the cotton, hoed the corn, built the railroads, made the cotton bales for their master while he was attempting to destroy the Union and kept them in slavery. This same race today is always ready to show their bravery by doing some heroic deed for the people who make his life a miserable burden. Where in the history of the civilized world is there such loyalty and faithfulness shown as the "black demon's" traits at every opportunity." — The State (Springfield, Ill.,) Capital,

As in all things that threaten to overwhelm the people in disaster, the Negro, with his broad, sympathetic nature, is ever keenly on the alert to lend a helping hand. The common roustabout, supposed to be devoid of soul or conscience, under his earth begrimed coat wears a heart softer often than he who revels in a pampered cabin. It is nothing more than music implanted in the Negro's soul to help him wear the taunts and flings of this world and beat the proud man's contumely. All honor to the humblest of mankind. All honor to him, who like a galley slave knows no respite from toil but treads the gangway, both heart and shoulder laden, humming his roundelay; which is more often some sympathetic emission from a heart bowed down.

A GEORGIA MOB.

At Columbus, Ga., on June 1st a mob of 600 of the best citizens broke into the court room and took, by force, a Negro charged with assaultiug a white woman and carried him to the main thouroughfare and hung him. The mob having become worked up to a degree of warmth that was infectious took another Negro similarly charged from the jail, hung him also. No one will attempt to condone the offenses of these unfortunate men, if guilty of offense. No one except an outlaw at heart can, at a moments warning, dip their hands in human blood. Civilization must be at its ebb tide in any community when 600 of its citizens can not await the fulfillment of the laws demand. It is a territory to be spurned that is so ready to undress itself, unlace with such trepidity for a debauchery. It is not easily understood how 600 men of so inconsiderable a place as Columbus, Ga., could be so unanimous in their opinions and so equally willing to give vent to them.

Allowing five persons to one man, then the 600 people engaged in these tragedies represent 3,000 people. On the night of June 1st 600 red handed assassins sat down in the presence of 2,400 women, young boys, tender aged girls and crowing babies and related with perfect sang froid the jerking of two ignorant, if guilty, souls into eternity. What has been gained? It is true a spectacle has been witnessed. What inpenetrable ignorance is it that does not know that Columbus, Ga., has detoned the standing of the whole country? Yea, the world suffers, but Columbus, Ga., iscomparably so. It will take a courageous paragrapher to speak of the beauties of that city; a city that hangs its citizens in its streets to warn evil doers. A race of criminals are bred by the days work. Young hands are dyed crimson, young consciences are seared. The tiger cubs have tasted their first blood; they like it and will have more. Many portions of the South need an evangelizing influence. If Sam Jones would turn his battering ram upon some of these unkempt sons of Belial instead of anathematizing Mrs. Ida Well-Barnett his crown in the next world would be a royal diadem.

This state of affairs can not last; it must go! The attempt to make mobbing respectable is abortive. In twenty years a community that will wait one week, and then, in cold blood, proceed to assinate its citizens on an unsubstantiated charge will be an eye sore of the world, a d—— foul spot detested as that on the hand of Lady Macbeth. Notice is now served; it will not and must not be ever thus. If divine interference do not uproot the pernicious custom, and if time should not soften the asperities then it follows as the night follows the day that the kindling wrath of a dull, plodding people will burst fourth in a thousand directions. Aetna slept not in vain nor Vesuvius. Cæser had his Brutus, Charles I his Cromwell, George III his Washington and the southern people should profit by their examples.

Sunday School Union Picnic.

Temple, Tex., Special.

The Sunday school union picnic held on the 23rd was a grand success. At 9 a. m. the Temple Cornet Band formed a hollow square in front of the Wayman, from which place the procession started headed by the band; next came the Wayman A. M. E. Sunday school with an open carriage in which was seated the May Queen, Miss Mattie Gaston, and Miss Penelope Anderson the Goddess of Liberty holding banners; next came the flower girls with flowers and small flags flying from every vehicle; next came the Baptist church Sunday school with a train of four wagons coupled together drawn by six mules, with a cross high above the wagon, "We are in union," the St. Laveall Baptist church Sunday school, comprising a train half mile long, down through the principle streets to Kellar's Park two miles west of the city. The boys were soon climbing trees like squirrels, and many ropes were seen dangling from lofty oaks, and then swinging and rope jumping began. After about two hours of amusement, the table was spread and the lids of many loaded basket flew off them. After retiring from the table, Rev. J. R. Bogan succeeded in arresting the attention long enough to make a short address on "Unity of the Race," etc., and the evening was well spent. On returning to the city at the close of the evening, they gathered at Wayman A. M. E. church where the little folks had their entertainment—singing, speech-making and dialogues. The house was well filled. The proceeds went to Miss Carrie Bryan, their teacher and instructress who so nobly deserves the honors of all for the interest she takes in the little children. This was quite a surprise to her. Dr. R. E. Holland made a few appropriate remarks to the teacher and children. The entertainment was a remarkable success. Rev. Bryan made a few preliminary remarks and the evening exercises closed with a good night song. Miss Vina Russell left for her home at Waco this week. Bishop Cockrell of the C. M. E. church preached here on the 26th to a crowded house. George Wade received a telegram from Galveston on the 26th announcing the death of his little son, aged ten months. Little Addie Drayton is on the sick list. Miss Helen Dearing and Miss Willie and Zelmer Harris, who have for the past six months been attending school at Crockett have returned home,

A Swell Wedding—Local Notes.

Fayetville, Tenn., Special.

The grand rally at the A. M. E. church is postponed till a later date. Fayettville witnessed a swell wedding on the 28th. Alonzo L. Wright and Miss Joyce Washington were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Depot street. Only special friends of the couple were invited, but owing to their popularity the guests were quite numerous. The bride received many valuable and useful presents. Rev. J. A. Jones of the A. M. E. church tied the knot. Miss Cora Lee Williams has at last succumbed to the monster death. She bore her sufferings patiently, and the day of her death she summoned the whole family to her bedside and entreated them to meet her in heaven. It was a sweet, peaceful death. She breathed her last without a struggle, exclaiming, "I sleep in the arms of Jesus." Miss Mary Lou Buchanan has returned from Roger Williams, also I. H. Hampton. Miss Virginia L. Hampton returned home Monday. Quite a large number of excursionists went to Nashville last week to attend the Tennessee Centennial Inaugural exercises. The King's Daughters of the A. M. E, church gave a blue tea party on the 30th. It was a success. They consist principally of the converts from the last revival. Some work like old veterans. Tintinnambulations of a matrimonial kind are heard up on the hill near the school house. Get the current news from The Freeman.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The Knights of Tabor Elect Officers—Newsy Notes.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Judson post G. A. R. had their annual sermon at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church. It is strange, but its true, the Negro always kisses the hand that smites him. The Little Rock Daily Press, a white newspaper, calls the colored children "coons." This daily goes in many a colored home, and we ought to have manhood and stop paying some one to kick us about. Rev. J. P. Robinson had a pleasant trip in Mississippi and Tennessee, Pine Bluff will be greatly benefited in the person of Prof. G. W. Stewart. The Pinkett family always leads when it comes to honors. The grand concert given by the public schools was a success.

The graduating class of '96 from the Union High School made a fine appearance. Miss Amelia Bradford first honors and Miss Mary Overton second. The welcome and parting address was full of logic and insperation. Great credit to Prof. Ishday. There is a white woman who claimes to have been raped ten miles in the country by a mulatto man. Seven colored men have been arrested at different times, charged with the crime, but she says none of them are the men. It was a false report about the woman being cut or beaten. We are apposed to rape and want to see everyone that committs the crime punished by law. But this way of picking up every colored man and throwing him in jail and having him lynched is a thing that has created a sentiment that will never die. This government will need the Negro again. Mrs. G. W. Thompson, wife of of ex-alderman Thompson died the 24th, She was a true christian, a dear companion and a loving mother. She was president of the Women's Baptist Missionary Association and also president of the board for the Old Ladies Home. The funeral was held a Mt. Pleasant Baptist church. The Eastern Star Chapter and a local society of which she was a member and a host of friends followed her to her last resting place. The U. B. F.'s had their annual services at Bethel church on the 24th. The Freeman is on sale at the following places: The excelcer cafe, Jones and Coffin's drug store, Hooses ice cream parlor, Ezell's grocery Eighteenth and Commerce street, and Armstrong's barber shop. Tell your friends to call at the above places and get it. The Knights of Tabor had an installation at Thompson's Hall. The following officers were elected of Bethel literary. A. J. Robinson, president; Miss Mary White vice president; J. E. Ferrill, secretary; Miss Mary Gillam, corresponding secretary; S. W. Moore, treasurer; F. Golden, marshall; Y. L. Boon, critic; F. Walker, chaplin. The public is invited to attend, meets every Tuesday.

A SUCCESSFUL SESSION.

Bishop College Close, Progress and Development of the School.

Marshall, Tex., Special.

Bishop College has just closed the most successful year of its history. The commencement week was well attended. Every visitor from far and near appeared highly pleased at the progress and development of the school in all of its departments. The primary department under the direction of Miss Finny has been a success. On Friday afternoon May 15th, this department closed. Many of the parents were present and expressed themselves highly pleased with the closing exercises of the small boys and girls. On Friday evening at 7:30 the literary society carried out its annual program. People gathered in from everywhere and the program gave satisfaction to all. Saturday 16th, at 2 p. m., the people gathered in to inspect the industrial departments. The shop with its thousands of wheels was all in motion. Every young man was in his place. Prof. Goble is making of these young men good mechanics and machinists.

The girl's industrial department, with Mrs. A. E. Wilkins as instructor made a good show. Many very useful lessons in sewing and cutting have been learned. This department is growing in interest and the young women are being fitted for practical life. Saturday evening at 7:30 the musical department carried out its program. Miss Howe had labored very earnestly to have the program a success. All parts were performed well and everybody went home delighted. The house was crowded, every corner. Sunday at 10 a. m., Rev. C. N. Pryor of Dallas, preached the missionary sermon. It was full of practical suggestions and deep thought. At 2 p. m. Rev. Wilkins, pastor of the church in this city, preached his annual sermon to the students. It was a sermon of great interest to all.

On Monday at 10 a. m., Rev. E. W. D. Isaac of Dallas, addressed the alumni. His address was upon the ethecal part of our education. Rev. Isaac though feeble, gave a good address. At 2 p. m. Monday the educational mass meeting took place. Many of the brethern of the state were present and took part in the discussion. Monday evening at 7:30 the grammar school exercises took place. Hundreds were turned away for the lack of room. Nearly two thousand persons were present Miss Russell deserves much much credit for this program. On Tuesday at 9:30 a. m., the commencement exercises took place. There were three graduates, Messrs. Cobb, Osborne and Willianson. The orations were good and well delivered. Diplomas were given out and the president took the train for Asbury Park N. J., to attend the meeting of the Home Mission Society of America. President Walverton is doing a great work for the people of Texas. The course at Bishop College is thorough and the industrial department is far ahead of anything of its kind in Texas, white or colored. The attendance this year was 328.

Society Movements.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Bessie Thurman Wilson, of St. John, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thurman, on East Myrtle street. Miss Olive Cooper has returned from Decatur. There will be baptizing at the Second Baptist church Sunday, June 7th. The social given at the A. M. E. church Saturday eve was well attended. John Outland went to Vandalia to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Vandyke, which was held at the Mt. Zion church Thursday. Dr. Perry Stafford, of Pennville, was in the city last week on business. Mrs. Anna Wilson, of Adrian, is the guest of Mrs. Oscar Richards, East Ransom street. Mr. and Mrs. Budd Evans, of Paw Paw, were the guests of Mrs. Gus Heghbeth last week. Misses Cora and Elizabeth King were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Traverse Hackley last week. Mrs. Mary Woodford is visiting friends in Bangor. Mrs. George Miller has returned from Lorain, Ohio. Manuel Ward has gone to Lorain, and will make that place his home. His wife and little daughter will join him soon. Mrs. William Hall will leave for Union, Mich., next week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Will Hardin. Mrs. Louis will leave Saturday to attend the baptizing at Chain Lake, June 7th. There are 70 candidates for baptism. Frank Jones, ot Decatur, was in the city last week, Rev. James A. Farriss was in Battle Creek Saturday. Veora White is sick with measles. Claud Haithcox is quite sick. Mrs. Amos entertained Mrs. George Wilson Saturday evening.

Echoes From the Cyclone.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

This city was visited on the 27th ult., by the most destructive tornado known in the history of this country. The city in places is a solid mass of ruins. The loss of life is simply awful; there have been found up to date in the neighborhood of 400 hundred persons, and many others are supposed to be in the ruins. The electric light power houses and the electric wires were completely wrecked so the street lights are all out, and trafic suspended on all electric street railways. The loss to property is way up in millions. Thousands of people are homeless and suffering for food and clothing. Rev. Dr. Frederick, the A. M. E. Missionary from Africa, preached at St. Paul A. M. E. church last Sunday. The Doctor was a delegate to the general conference, and is now making a tour of the West in the interest of his mission work in Africa. Rev. David Jones of Los Angles, Cal. preached a very interesting sermon. Of the vast number of lives lost in the storm only three colored have been been reported. The members of the St. Paul A. M. E. church are arranging to give a grand steamboat excursion and picnic to Montesano Park on the 20th of July. If you want to spend a day of enjoyment come and go with us. Drs. Mansifee, Curtis and Jones are among the leading doctors of the city. Call and see them.

"A Wife's True Love."

Helena, Mont., Special.

A drama in four acts played by Helena Colored Dramatic Club, and written by Prof. E. G. Cole, was a grand success. The club is making arrangements to play in East Helena, June 15th, and in Marysville, June 18th. Prof. Cole has written several dramas, but this seems to take the people by storm. All who saw it pronounced it grand. Ten of some of the best white citizens of Helena have given Prof. Cole a guarantee of $75 to reproduce it here in the opera house, which he has accepted.

What have you bigots now to say on your hobbies as to the superiority of the white race over the black; since a Negro has fairly won the first oratorical prize over seven of your best contestants and collegiate orator? All the black man wants and asks is fair play, win or loose, no matter what the contest may be, mentally or physically. Charles S. Morris, of Massachusetts, is one of the brightest jems in the galaxy of Negro constellation.—The Western (Uniontown, Pa.) Enterprise.

The entire newspaper fraternity will regret that Rev. E. W. S. Hammond was defeated for re-election as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate at the M. E. General Conference at Cleveland, O., the other day. True the conference voted to continue his salary ($1,700 per year) until he was otherwise provided for and true also that Rev. I. B. Scott, who takes his place, is an able man and will, doubtless, fill Dr. Hammond's shoes worthily. But Dr. Hammond is such a fine writer and able editor that the Southwestern under him was better edited than ever before and the fraternity is loth to give him up. The earnest hope is that Dr. Scott will prove as capable an editor as he has president of Wiley University, Marshal, Tex.—The (Chicago, Ill.,) Conservator.

Our leading men think that the National Baptist Convention at St. Louis will be the largest assemblage of colored Baptist ever heard of on this Continent.—The Christian Banner.

On to St. Louis June 16, and there avoid the appearance of evil. Let southern delegates, colored, return home covered with honor.—The Nashville Citizen.

The Republicans of Indiana could not have selected a better man than Mr. George L. Knox as one of the alternates to the St. Louis convention. Mr. Knox is a high-toned and honorable gentleman.—The (Washington) Bee.

The National Afro-American Press Association will convene in annual session at St. Louis, Mo., June 18th, provided the National Convention adjourns on the 17th, otherwise it will convene the day following the adjournment of that body. The following program will be submitted to the association: Morning session, prayer; short address, President Fortune on the "Newspaper Situation;" "Educational Style," P. H. Murray, St. Louis Advance; "Agents, How Should They be Managed and Paid?" John Mitchell, Jr., of the Richmond Planet; "Premiums, their Value in Securing Subscribers," Edwin H. Hackley, of The Denver Statesman-Exponent. "Advertising Agencies—Experience and Results," Henry Clay Gray, of the New Test. Afternoon session, prayer; "Humorous Side of Journalism," John E. Bruce, of The Washington Colored American; "Is it Possible to Syndicate our Matter?" J. Q. Adams, of the Minneapolis Appeal; "The Work of Women Journalists," Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, of the Chicago Conservator; Election of officers. No paper to exceed fifteen minutes. Discussion limited to five minutes.

Personal Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. H. B. Turner is still on the sick list. Mrs. J. A. Carter is sick at her home on Melbourne avenue. Decoration Day was observed as usual, and the exercises were very impressive. Preparations for Children's Day at the A. M. E. church have begun. Mrs. G. C. King left Saturday for a visit with friends at Rockville, Ind. Ollie Keene has accepted a position at the Barnett Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keene have moved to Plum street. Mrs. Hogan, of Hamilton, Ohio, is visiting Mrs. Chas. Jones. Mrs. Henry Clay, of Richmond, Va, is in the city visiting Mrs. Chas. Parker and other relatives. Miss Stella Johnson is in the city for a few days. Miss Annie Banks, of Richmond, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. J. Carter, returned home Sunday noon. The "Page Fence Giants," a colored base ball club, showed the Logansport "Ottos" how to play ball. The Young People's Club will give a grand entertainment in the near future.

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Institution—Decoration Day Doings—Colored Troops in Line—"Life and Death of A. Fields" to be Discussed—Other Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Ninth Battalion I. N. G. turned out last Saturday, that day being Decoration Day. The boys in blue under command of Major T. C. Buckner made an excellent appearance, and received hearty applause all along the line of march. At 12 o'clock sharp the boys commenced to gather at the armory and at 2 o'clock over 500 men thronged the hall. At 2:30 p. m. the first bugle call was sounded and the boys were all in line waiting for the Major to arrive and give them their orders and to inspect them. After a brief inspection each company was ordered to prepare to march. They formed on 13th street and Michigan avenue, and were soon winding their way down Michigan avenue to 29th street where the whole procession was to be formed. The procession was formed and they marched back up Michigan avenue to Randolph street, passing the reviewing stand at the Auditorium. The parade was reviewed by Mayor Swift, Gen. Wheeler, Gen. Merritt and staff, and many other prominent military men, one who was a representative of the Governor. All the National Guards of the State turned out and the G. A. R., secret societies, U. S. troops at Ft. Sheridan, Postmaster Washington Hesings and his mail carriers, all of which made a fine appearance. Though it rained, the parade continued until it reached its destination. The colored boys in blue made an excellent appearance and won honors not only from their own people, but from the citizens in general. The Mayor and his staff of officers were on horseback, the Battalion brass band, with its new uniforms, played some fine music, and with their costumes won the admiration of all.

Bethel A. M. E. church was on last Monday evening filled with spectators who had gathered to listen to an excellent program prepared by the Helping Hand Society, under the direction of Prof. Ed. T. Morris, for the benefit of the church. The entertainment was one worth attending and every one enjoyed it. The pogram consisted of music, tableaux and recitations, which were of the highest order. After about three hours of entertainment, all retired to the dining room where refreshments were served in abundance. The manager of this entertainment, Prof. Morris, deserves great credit for his able management in making this such a success, both socially and financially. He is an able musician, and will in time occupy a high place among the great musicians.

Provident Hospital and Training School will on next Sunday lay the corner-stone of their new hospital on Dearborn and 36th street. All of the secret societies in the city will turn out and the Ninth Battalion I. N. G., under command of Major Buckner. It is expected to be a grand affair. R. W. Hancock will be master of ceremonies, and Major J. C. Buckner marshal of the day. Quite a crowd is expected to attend, as all are interested in the welfare of Provident Hospital and Training School, and will make this occasion one that will long be remembered by all. The hospital is a worthy institution, and will be some day one of the greatest hospitals in Chicago and Illinois. It is yearly turning out trained nurses who are daily attending the sick and wounded of our city, and are classed among the best nurses.

Rev. John E. Ford will on Sunday preach a sermon on "The Life and Death of Alfred C. Fields," the murderer who was hanged in this city some time ago. A few months ago a man by the name of Foster was hanged in this city for the murder of a man by the name of Geo. W. Wills. After being sentenced to death Rev. J. M. Townsend visited him, sang and prayed with him until he professed religion. After he was hanged he took his body to the church and preached his funeral and stirred up quite a sensation among the people. So Rev. John Ford will on Sunday preach on the life of a man who only a few months ago took the life of one of our highly respected citizens. Every young man in the city will go to hear this sermon, which will be a warning to all.

"IS THE NEGRO CURSED?"

A Famous Lecture—The Cycle Club—"Who Will be in Hell?"

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Zion Baptist church was crowded last Monday night to hear Rev. W. T. Hall, of Providence, R. I., in his famous lecture: "Is the Negro Cursed.' Rev. Hall proved to the people that the Negro is not cursed. The solo by Mrs. Jones was well received. This being the closing night of the past session of the literary the president made his report. Never before in the history of the society was such a good report made. The officers deserves much credit for their good work.

At last we have a club, known as the Armond Cycle Club, the first of color in the city with E. A. Woodward, president; C. E. Alexander, vice president; Fletcher Buffin, secretary; R. T. Toller, Treasurer; Ira Curtis, captain. The club meets every Tuesday evening at W. H. Fielding's barber shop, 310 George street. All wheelmen are invited. The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society has a mock trial in session. The society is doing well and expects to "move on" through the summer. Mrs. Julia Green returned home from Chicago last Monday. Mrs. S. Lunchford and Mrs. Mary E. Carter returned home from Mexico last Monday. All of their friends were proud to see them again. Miss Jennie Jones, daughter of Bishop Jones of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson, of Waide street.

Mrs. Esta, of Springfield, has returned to our city. The Voice of the People, our city paper, has closed down to form a stock company. Western Union Baptist Sunday School convention, of Ohio, met at Union Baptist church last Sunday. The program excelled all others in the past years. The address of Joseph Wilson, subject: "Religious Instructions in the Homes," was well received. The address by Prof. C. D. Swayne, president of the convention, was very fine. Mr. Swayne is a good worker and deserves much credit for his close study of the Sunday School work. He returned to Springfield Monday. The annual conference of the A. M. E. Z. church will convene here at St. Johns A. M. E. church next Wednesday. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Wilson and members are working hard to have everythig in order to entertain about one hundred ministers. Rev. Wilson's subject for Sunday is: "Who will be in heil." Rev J. F. Moreland, D. D. was in the city last week to visit his family, he returned to his church last Wednesday at Harrisburg, Pa.

WALNUT HILLS NEWS.

Miss Rebecca Triason and Mr. Alfred Guthrie, graduates of "Old Woodward," were united in marriage by Rev. H. Talbert last Wednesday evening at the bride's residence on Foraker avenue. The affair was quiet and only the relatives and their closest friends were invited. The couple will make a tour through the State, and may spend the vacation at the groom's home in Gallipolis. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels will leave for the Catawba Islands, where they will spend the summer. Misses Anna Elder and Anna Fagin and Geo. Austin were among the 203 graduates from our Cincinnati schools. Geo. Washington, an old pioneer of the Hill, removed to Chicago last Tuesday, where he will make his future home. Mrs. Dorothy Christy, daughter of the Rev. Smith of the Corinthian Baptist church, is visiting here and perhaps will spend a month among us. The residence of Miss Daisy Bennett is ringing with the merry chimes of wedding bells. Mrs. Dixon, on Kemper Lane, will be absent from the Hills for a few days visiting friends in Columbus. A tabernacle tent was dedicated to be used by Rev. C. M. Goode and Richard Ewell, traveling evangelists, associated with Mrs Annie E. Brown, an evangelist of Washington, D. C., and Prof. Davis, on last Sunday morning. The neighboring churches have placed themselves on a war footing on account of this movement, and bitterly denounce the men and their intentions. They say that such a movement is not needed in the immediate vicinity of so many churches as there are on the Hills, and that in its present location it is only an abominable nuisance to the public. The Republican mock convention of Walnut Hills met at Brown's Chapel, A. M. E. church, last Monday night. The temporary chairman, Capt. Ford Stith, called the meeting to order. The various committees were beard from, and then Prof. A. J. Delhart was elected chairman, when the committee on platform read their report, but failed to be adopted. Good singing was rendered by a male quartette.

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Wynne, Ark., Special.

Rev. J. M. Owens, pastor of the Baptist church of Augnsta passed through the city en route to his home in Ocala, and stopped off a day, and while here called at A. J. Turner's Palace shop. H. Davis, one of the most progressive colored merchants in Arkansas will leave in a few days for St. Louis to buy goods also to attend the Republican convention in June and wherever found will be talking politics for McKinley. D. S. Martin makes a trip to Forrest City every other Sunday. J. Y. Lipscomb, our prominent blacksmith is doing a good business in his shop. Prof. W. F. Lovelace's Normal school closed on the 22nd; he had a fine picnic. Jim Graham, our prominent base ball player is hustling his boys up to go out in business. He has a good nine. Martin Scott has been on the sick list, but is on the streets again. Jim Anderson has returned from his old home in Brownsville, Tenn., where he accompanied his mother a few days ago. David Wade of Forrest City was in the city. The A. M. E. church Sabbath school is preparing for children's day. There was a grand social given in honor of Miss Mary Chappelle of Lane Institute, Jackson, Tenn., and Miss Lillie Lovelace of Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn., which is due to the efforts of Will Haynes and John Carr, who is head cook at the Commercial hotel, in getting up this affair. The elite of the city was present, among whom were: John Bynum, Miss Mary Chappelle, H. Lovelace, Miss Eva Lipscomb, Ada Bynum, Jas. Rogers, Lillie Bynum, Rentz Jackson, Elma Lee, Will Green, Ida McGill, D. S. Martin, Lola Larry, F. K. Lipscomb, Pearl Larry, Will Haynes, Lizzie White, J. Thomas Nichols, Mary Johnson, John Carr, Mrs J. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Hetty Lee.

Schools Closed.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

A fight occurred between John Bostic and King K. Jones at the Oxley Stave Works on the 23rd ult. Mrs. Bostic of Piedmont is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Addox, who is ill. Mrs. Joseph Jones left the city on the 26th for St. Louis. Mrs. Renfro of Allensville is in the city with a view of making this her future home. The public schools closed in this city on the 28th and a grand exhibition was given at the opera house, which was largely patronized. The recitations, declamations, dialogues, songs, tableaux, etc., was handsomely sustained. On the 28th Samuel Whitesides and Frank Burphett fell from a shed on Vine street, which resulted in Samuel Whiteeides getting his arm broken and Frank Burphett receiving minor injuries about the back but not serious. On the evening of May 29th many of the parents and friends of the city school children assembled at the school house and delivered many responding addresses in honor of the teachers in their success. Among those who delivered addresses were as follows: Mr. George Melon, Mrs. Lou Houston, Emma Roberson, Susie Powers, L. A. Guest, Prof. Chas. H. Hicks and others which were responded to with gratitude by the teachers.

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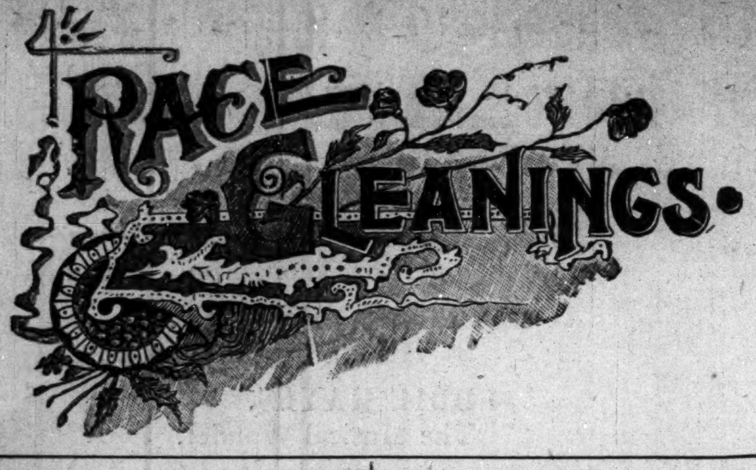

Race Gleanings.

Mrs. Francis E. W. Harper lectured in Memphis, Tenn., May 25th.

Afro-Americans, of Greenville, S. C., are making preparations to erect a hospital.

Booker T. Washington addressed the graduates at Hampton Institute at their commencement.

The Eckstein Laundry, of Louisville, Ky., is owned and operated exclusively by colored men.

Joseph E. Douglass, of Washington, D. C., is making marked success in the music world as a violinist.

Ground was broke recently in Birmingham, Ala., prepatory to the erection of a Girls Industrial School.

Wm. Keelum, of Knightstown, Ind., edits and publishes the Knightstown Sun in partnership with two white men.

C. V. Roman. M. D., of Dallas, Texas, has edited and published a medical book entitled "Common Sense in Matter of Health."

Tommy Brenon, a colored boy seven years of age, coached by Rev. J. M. Harris, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is preaching the gospel.

The state convention of the Afro-American protective league of Illinois will be held in the city of Rockford, Ill. July 8th and 9th, 1896.

Prof. A. W. Leboo, the teacher of brass band music at Normal, Ala., has written some real gems of vocal as well as instrumental music.

John Shippen, a sixteen-years-old colored boy, a caddy of the Shinnecock Hills Golf club at South Hampton, N. Y., is said to be the champion golfer of America.

Miss Lizetta Pinn, a post graduate at Wilberforce College, has been elected instructress of domestic economy and professional cook of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial school.

Nine teachers in a normal school at Orange Park, Fla., have been arrested for teaching white and black pupils in the school against the provisions of the state law, passed about a year ago.

Prof. Albert F. Mando, the eminent violinist and musical director of the Mozart Conservator of Music, New York, has organized an orchestra composed of selected colored musicians.

Mr. Frank Rudolph Stewart, of Montana, who recently figured in the annual Yale-Harvard debate as the best speaker among the six who took part, won the Boylston prize in the oratorical contest this May.

The National Afro-American Press Association will convene in annual session at St. Louis, Mo., June 18th, provided the National Convention adjourns on the 17th, otherwise it will convene the day following the adjournment of the body.

Hon. John S. Durham, of Philadelphia, Penn., late minister to Hayti, has been engaged to deliver a series of lectures before the students of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute on Cuba. The lectures will continue about a week or ten days.

A national convention of the colored Baptists of the United States will assemble in St. Louis about the last week in August. The meeting will be in the First church, on Clark avenue. Matters relating to the educational, literary and disciplinary interests of the church will be considered.

Mr. J. T. Sanders, a young Afro-American of Charlotte, N. C., has on foot a plan to open a penny savings bank in that city in the near future. He has a capital stock of over six thousand dollars already and expects soon to be doing a hustling banking business.

George Giles, Frank Godson, Dr. Lloyd and other prominent colored citizens are preparing to use several large vacant buildings at Marti City, Fla., by establishing in them a cotton gin and oil press. They have been fortunate in enlisting $100,000 of foreign capital.

There were three colored bishops elected at Mobile, Ala., as follows: Rev George W. Clinton, editor of the Star of Zion, of Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. J. B. Small, Presiding Elder of the Baltimore and Philadelphia districts, of York, Pa.; and Rev. John Holliday, general book agent, of Pittsburg, Penn., were elected bishops by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion General Conference.

The Sarah White Home for aged and infirm colored people at No. 308 East Fourteenth street, Wilmington, Del., was formally opened Thursday, May 28th, during which time it is estimated that at least 500 people called. The exercises commenced in the morning and continued all day. There were addresses in the morning by Mrs. Leonard A. Kittinger and Mrs. W. B. Beach and in the afternoon by the Revs. William Guy, N. D. Temple, J. H. Harman, B. T. Moore, C. F. Jefferson, B. T. Sluby, L. O. Posey and Bishop B. T. Ruly. Daniel P. Hamilton was the speaker at the evening exercises. The home is comfortably furnished and it presented a clean and attractive appearance. Many donations have been received. The management has set apart the first Thursday in each month as donation day.

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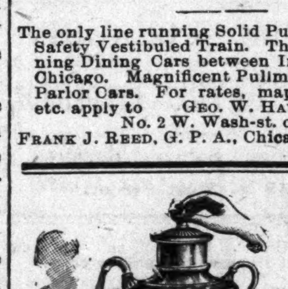

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JOSEPHINE GHANT-CARLISLE REPLIES TO OUR EDITORIAL.

Reasons why Mem and Women who gave their Best Days to the Institution of Slavery Should be Remembered by Uncle Sam.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

My attention was arrested by an editorial in your issue of the 23d, ult., headed "Our tenets assailed," embodying reasons why ex-slaves should not be pensioned.

We can not wholly disagree, neither coincide with your views, since they are given from a general standpoint. There must be a limit in the matter. We are certainly opposed to able bodied men and women becoming wards of the nation, and should such onés accept or wish to accept pensions, they must indeed be altogether void of self reliance and independence.

'Tis true that "The South teems with thousands of ignorant people who see in this movement a gleam of hope for future subsistence;" 'tis equally true that "Time the mighty magician has by a merciful hand swept that class into abyssmal beyond, whose frames were bowed with age at the close of the great war," yet a truth more real remains, not taken from life, but life itself. There are thousands of men and women to-day old and infirm, maimed, halt and blind, helpless, friendless, homeless, begging, starving, dying, who may have been as vigorous as we thirty years ago, but who gave their best energy, the morning and noon of their lives to their masters. Should we not care for them? Is it any more an imposition on the government to ask pensions for such than for the veteran soldier?

The soldier may wear an empty coat-sleeve or wooden leg—bare the back of many a poor ex-slave and you will find marks won in battle and bloodshed, only in a different form—that is all. Both a disabled soldier and an infirm ex-slave should be pensioned. The sufferings of both have been acute. Just as some soldiers passed through battles unscarred, so there were masters that were human. The Northern soldier fought to maintain the Union; the ex-slave preserved the lives of the wives and children of his master. Both served in honorable battle. Is it asking too much of the government because it granted us what it wrongfully withheld—our liberty? Indeed not.

It is held that the originators of the ex-slave pension agitation are foes or friendly in so much as they may derive benefit for themselves. This may or may not be true, but it can't be denied that some such thing is much needed. We cannot see wherein rebellion, revolution and anarchy would result. Those who have realized the curse of slavery and were perhaps perticipants in or indorsers of the sinful traffic rather than oppese such a move to atone for their error, will help to carry it on.

If there is nothing to hope from this first movement, let another better take its place. It is not more to ask that ex-slaves be pensioned than for states to tax its citizens to pension confederate soldiers. Our old men and women who spent their best days in slavery, who opened up the Southland, felled the forest, cultivated the soil, laid the railroads, worked the mines, certainly deserve the care of the government for the few remaining years of their lives. It won't be a lasting institution. It will lessen beggars and enable many to have care when ill, and a decent burial, for which they might otherwise lack. Let no one thwart the movement or movers unless certain that they would work harm. If there can good come of it, let us give it our hearty endorsement.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Marriage—Death of a Good Woman—Editors in Session.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Mrs. Lizzie Harris, wife of Rev. C. L. Harris, pastor of First Congregational church, died May 21st. Her funeral was attended on the 22nd at the church by Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of the A. M. E. church, assisted by Rev. J. Campbell of the St. Paul. M. E. church. The church was crowded. She leaves several children, a husband and a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. Rev. Harris has the sympathy of the community in the death of his wife. The casket was laden with beautiful flowers. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Messrs. J. W. Longstreet, T. Murray, Thos. Lee and A. Peterson. Quite a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the Masonic cemetry to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Rev. W. G. Edwards left a few weeks ago for Georgia, his future home. Mrs. Susie Lucas has been very sick, also Mrs. J. W. Longstreet. Mrs. Pinkey Thompson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rushing on Thirteenth street. Mrs. E. H. Triplett has been quite sick, but is improving. Misses Minnie Hardin and Minnie McAlpin, who have been attending school at Tougaloo have returned home. Messrs. Spencer and Lee Clark, two young farmers of Kemper are in the city attending the closing exercises of the Lincoln school. Prof. O. C. Garrett left a few days ago to be at the bedside of his wife at Nashville, Tenn He received a telegram that she was fast sinking. Misses Lizzie and Henrietta Smith of Shubuta are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith. Messrs. Eugene and Andrew Washington who have been going to school at Tougaloo, have returned home to spend the vacation. L. W. Washington, who went over to attend the commencement returned with them. Messrs. Ed. Sherman and W. E. Richey, two young men who attended the Lincoln school last year are attending closing exercises. Mrs. J. W. Longstreet is confined to her bed. The New Hope Baptis church people are carrying on a reviva at their church. It is doing grand an noble work. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Watson needs to be commended. He has been assisted by Rev Dr. Holmes of Georgia, and Rev. Jim Brooks of Lauderdale and Rev. J. R. Farrish of our city who is pastoring a white congregation here. J. W. Smith, one of our leading merchants who has been very sick the past week is recovering.

Mrs. John Halden who died here on the 2nd was buried on the 3rd from the New Hope Baptist church at 11 o'clock. She was a faithful member of the church, and was a true member of the Household of Ruth, which turned out in a body. Rev. L. W. Watson, the pastor, officiated. She leaves a husband and several children and a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. She was buried at the Masonic Cemetery. The Mississippi editors are in session here and will be for three or four days. Walter Lockhart who has been quite sick is out again. Mrs. Willie Haloman who has been sick for sometime is better. M. R. Haskins who has been quite sick is improving. On the 11th of May at the fair grounds, the colored people had a bicycle race, which was largely attended. A. D. Ireland captured the prizes which was a gold medal valued at $10, a gold headed cane and a gold chain. The twin brother gave Ireland a close rub on different times. Bryant Cotton who has been out of the city, has returned. O. G. Turner who lost his house by fire the 21st of March, has rebuilt, and is occupying it with a new, and well selected stock of groceries and dry goods, situated corner Thirty-third avenue and Eleventh streets. Wilton Webster rendered valuable assistance as organist Sunday May 23th, to the satisfaction of all. W. L. Driver and Miss Laura Mason were married Thursday night May 21st at the New Hope Baptist church. Rev. L. W. Watson officiated. The bride looked very handsome in white while the groom looked very nice in a black cutaway evening suit. Mrs. A. T. Stewart played the wedding march.

Womens' Executive Board Meet.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The Woman's Executive Board of the Baptist connection of Phillip, Lee and Monroe counties convened at Burris' Chapel, this place, Friday at 9 o'clock, with Mrs. Eliza Phillips president. The meeting was opened with scripture reading by Rev. Avant; singing and prayer by Rev. Oglesby; short address by the president, then the meeting was left open for welcome addresses and responses for a short while. Wm. Orr, F. N. Sneed, W. H. Van Buren made the welcome addresses; Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Mitchell responded, after which a short time was spent in praise meeting. The business at the meeting was took up and carried on in a manner that gave credit to our women. The evening was spent in a general discussion, subject, "What shall Mothers do for the Saving of their Sons and Daughters," which was ably discussed by all. Among the visiting speakers was Rev. A. H. Hill at A. M. E. church. Saturday they had a glorious meeting and succeeded in organizing the Womens' Missionary Society at Burris Chapel which is very much needed. The meeting closed at night with a discussion on "Mission Work." Sunday was spent in divine service with the able divine, Rev. Crawford of Mariana. Henry Thomas returned Saturday from Madison. Mrs. Corruth spent last week in the country visiting friends and relatives. Mr. McCray and family have returned from Searcy to make this their home again. H. C. Ellison and F. N. Sneede have the nicest ice cream parlor in the city under the management of A. Burrel. Mr. Pool is a constant reader of The Freeman. Prof. Peake of Arkadelphia was in the city last week looking after the interest of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have a very sick child. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have a very sick baby.

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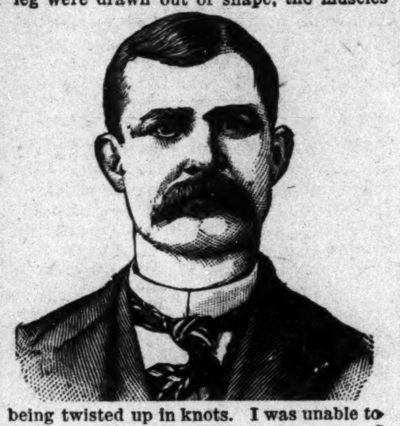

being twisted up in knots. I was unable to dress myself, except with assistance, and could only hobble about by using a cane. I had no appetite, and was assured, by the doctors, that I could not live. The pains, at times, were so awful, that I could procure relief only by means of hypodermic injections of morphine. I had my limbs bandaged in clay, in sulphur, in poultices; but these gave only temporary relief. After trying everything, and suffering the most awful tortures, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Inside of two months, I was able to walk without a cane. In three months, my limbs began to strengthen, and in the course of a year, I was cured. My weight has increased to 165 pounds, and I am now able to do my full day's work as a railroad blacksmith."

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lottie Nunn of Martindale avenue has been ill.

The Coburn street church literary closed with a brilliant program on last week.

Mr. Joseph Broyles entertained Lorenza Burks of Chicago, Monday afternoon at tea.

Rev. Authur Chandler stopped in the city a few days last week on his way to Los Angeles, Cal.

The Primrose Pleasure Club met with Miss Duretta Dixon, on Vermont street Friday night.

Maurice White was sentenced to three years in the Prison North last Monday for receiving stolen goods.

Otis Marshall and Mrs. Mary Terry were united in marriage by Rev. Simmons last Thursday evening.

Miss M. Etta Rose graduated from the Irvington High school last week. She will enter Butler University in the fall.

A drama entitled "A Dream of the Fair Women" was played at the Ninth Presbyterian church Tuesday evening May 26th.

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Harry Fiddler, of Al. G. Fields' "Darkest America Co.," is spending his vacation at home with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Millie Dean, wife of Jas. Dean, died Monday May 25th from the effects of a tumor which was recently removed by surgical operation.

The Garfield Baptist people held a basket meeting at Chapman's grove on E. Prospect street beyond the belt rail roal on last Sunday.

Rev. H. H. Harris, pastor of Corinthian Baptist church, has returned to the city after spending a two week's vacation in the East.

Don't fail to attend the musical and and literary concert at Second Christian church June 12th, given by Messrs. Carter Smith and Willie Reed.

Miss Rachel Heston, the charming daughter of Rev. James Heston has gone on an extended tour to the lakes to remain during the heated term.

Mr. and Mrs. William Quinn celebrated their china wedding Monday evening, June 1st, at their residence on Torbet street. They received many useful and valuable presents.

To Fertig and Kevers, painters, the Alpha Home Association extends many thanks for gratuitously printing two neat signs for use on its wagon.

Mrs. Indiana Keeble, wife of George Keeble, died Saturday, May 30th, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the house Monday morning. She leaves a husband and three sons to mourn her loss.

The Oriental Club met at the residence of J. L. Williams, Martindale avenue last Monday evening. The club will meet next Monday evening with Miss Della Williams, 51 Maple street.

William W. Christy has just completed the erection of two substantial buildings for rental purposes at a cost of $2,500 on Blake and Elizabeth streets Richard Teeters is engaged in constructing a new dwelling of six rooms on his present site on Agnes street.

Rev. A. D. Chandler of Detroit, Mich., will preach at Second Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. subject for morning "True Friendship as illustrated in the life of Ebedmeleck, the Ethiopian," evening service, the "Gospel of Reconciliation."

Miss. Lizzie Williams entertained the Rev. Chandler of Detroit, last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Wayne her sister, on W. Vermont street. The friends present spent the evening in dinning conversing. The menu was the most polatable, and hospitality filled every chalice, as all know who visits the Wayne residence. Rev. Chandler is the guest of Miss Williams while in the city.

The Alpha Home Association was agreeably surprised by receiving a large number of useful donations from a number of ladies headed by Mrs. Eliza Wisdom and Mrs. Millie Scott.

Rev. Wm. C. Franklin, a young Baptist divine, preached an able sermon at the Alpha Home last Sabbath. His text was 1st Pet. 3:12.

L. L. Burke, a court reporter of Chicago, was in the city last week visiting friends.

Every body should go to North Indianapolis Thursday evening, June 11th. See the immense program elsewhere For the benefit of church. Admission 10 cents.

Dead fish and their peculiar smell was the topic of discussion in this city Sunday last. The straw-board works north of the city had one of its periodical reservoir burstings. The ingredients killed the fish in the canal and Fall Creek and tainted the water in White River. The superintendent of schools issued a general order prohibiting the drinking of hydrant water on all school premises.

The colored Murphy Gospel Temperance League held an interesting meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist church Tuesday night. The next meeting will be held at Rev. Simmons' church in North Indianapolis.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Allen Chapel, with other leading churches of the country, has inaugurated the administering of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. To-morrow being the first Sunday in June there will be communion service at 10:45 a. m. You are cordially invited.

Rev G. H. White, of Kokomo, is the guest Mrs. Sims and Rev. A. L. Murray.

The pastor will preach the annual sermon to the Patriarchies Sunday at 3 p. m.

The Y. P. C. E. S., was re-organized last Monday night with Miss Hadric, president; Mr. W. Johnson, vice president; Miss Miller, secretary.

The Sunday School will give a grand concert Sunday night June 7th. An address by Hon. Isadore Blair, subject: "This Generation is the Trustee of the next." Services at 8 o'clock.

Rev. A. L. Murray's address last Sunday on the "Observations of his Southern Tour" was very interesting and highly appreciated by the immense congregation. In fact it was the "hit" of the evening.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

One of the young men who was implicated in the theft of Lilly & Stalnaker's hardware store several months ago, was sentenced last Monday to three years in the Prison North. This unfortunate affair has attracted widespread attention. It was, of course, hoped that he would be able to sustain himself, and thus be acquitted of the grave charges, but such was not the case. However, our sympathy goes out to the wife and parents of the young man. We cannot afford to rejoice because a fellowman errs.

Many conflicting rumors are afloat concerning various things. The envious, the jealous, the narrow-minded, the "I-told-you-so's" all dance in devilish glee when a mishap befalls one who is a little above the common walks of life. This is especially true in this city. We cannot afford to be triumphant over the misdeeds of our neighbor. The old and homely adage, "you are not dead yet," will probably be well to be remembered by a few who are denying their friends, who, were the candles turned on them would hide their faces in holy horror.

Friends and citizens are responding to the appeal made in this column a few weeks ago for the Alpha Home. Any article or the smallest donation is thankfully received. It is rumored that the Herculean Club will donate a neat sum towards repair the building.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS.

Marriage Epidemic—Annual School Picnic—Church Doings—Spicy Notes

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The Misses Mary M. Hayden, Alice Nugent, and V. Minnie Simmons left the city Sunday evening for Owensboro, Ky., where they will remain for a few days. The various county examinations begin next Friday in each respective county in the State, and quite a number of the girls and boys will leave the city for the examinations. All have our best wishes for success. Aaron Taylor was in the city last week visiting his wife. (It is a bright bouncing boy.) John Tucker, proprietor of the La Cigalle billard room, died last Friday morning after an illness of several months. He was an esteemed member of the Jacob street Tabernacle, at which place his funeral was held Sunday afternoon under the guidance of St. James Lodge, W. B. F., of which he was a devoted member. He leaves a wife, three children and a number of relatives and friends. Prof. J. H. McMullen, of Jacob street Tabernacle, has returned from the A. M. E. Z. Conference, and Rev. Evans Tyree, M. D. of Quinn Chapel church, has returned from the A. M. E Conference. Bishop Salters, of the A. M. E. church, preached a very eloquent sermon in Quinn Chapel church Sunday morning and conducted the joint sacramental services of the A. M. E. churches of the city in Asbury Chapel Sunday afternoon, at which place and time Rev. Tyree delivered another one of his famous discourses. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Plymouth Congregational church is holding some very impressive and enthusiastic meetings in their church; likewise the Epworth League Clubs of the Center street C. M. E. and Fifteenth street A. M. E. Z. churches. The young people should bestir themselves and make these christian organizations an important factor in the community. James Curry, the elder son of Rev. E. H. Curry, P. E. of the Kentucky A. M. E. Z. Conference, was accidentally drowned last Saturday evening. His remains were brought to this city and interred in Cave Hill cemetery Monday afternoon. The free kindergarten school at Knox's Presbyterian church will close next Wednesday morning after a very successful term. Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, of Chicago, Ill., is here for her health. The marriage epidemic seems to be again at itself, this time raging among the young ladies of the High School. It has attacked two within the past week, and promises to seize one of '96's members shortly after the commencement. The latest is the marriage between Miss Cordelia Berry, a bright student and estimable young lady of the West End, and William Whiteneil. The annual picnic for the children of the public schools was given last Saturday at Cherokee Park. It was a decided success, fully 12,000 being in attendance. One of the special features of the day was the efficient manner in which young Dr. James Fitz Butler caredrf o those who became injured and otherwise. Music was furnished by Prof. Hurkamp's First Regiment band. But why not one of the colored bands? For the first time the band recognized the ability of the colored physicians sufficiently to allow them representation on their medical staff in attendance at the picnic; so inasmuch as Dr. Fitzbutler gave satisfoction, and since it was the colored children's day, and the Afro-Americans of our city afford equal and ably fitted professionals, the colored band's physicians. etc., should be recognized. Do you agree? The picnic down the river to be given by United Fellow Lodge of the G. U. O. O. F. last Monday was postponed on account of the inclement weather, and the young ladies' society of the Twelth street Zion church met with the same fate with their evening excursion up the river. Their excursion was postponed until next Tuesday evening, at which time they hope to take up a very large crowd, as quite a number of tickets were sold. The 29th annual picnic of the G. U. O. O. F.'s will take place in their spacious hall Monday. A grand time is promised. Rev. Robert Seymour preached another society sermon Sunday evening, this being the annual sermon of the Daughters of Aaron, No. 2. A fair sized congregation, considering the inclement weather, marked the occasion and a splendid discourse was delivered. The Eckstein Norton University will hold their commencement exercises in the Temple theatre, Thursday evening, June 18th. Miss Bessie Johnson is on the sick list. The East Lynn Literary Society gave a very enjoyable lawn fete and reception at the residence of Miss Lillian Thomas, 1112 W. Walnut street, Wednesday evening. After the installation of the following officers: Miss Minnie A. Crutchfield, President; Lizzie Young, Vice-President; Estella Young, Secretary; Mayme Olden, Ass't Secretary; Bessie Buckner, Treasurer; Lulla Johnson, Critic, the evening was pleasantly spent, so that the merry-goers were loath to leave after the midnight hour.

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Sir Knight C. B. Robertson of Garrett lodge of Cincinnati, visited Montgomery lodge No. 6 last Tuesday night and made an address. He was delighted to see a new member of the Order make such a bright start, and he feels that we are getting some of the best material that the city of Indianapolis affords in this number.

CORINTHIAN NOTES.

Services will be held in the Court House to-morrow. A grand rally will be held all day. Elder Harris will be assisted by Rev. N. A. Seymour and Rev. C. F. Williams They will also be assisted by the choirs from South Calvary and Bethel Baptist. Sunday school at 9:00 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7:45 p. m. The church is undergoing extensive repairs, and will not be ready for use for about two weeks.

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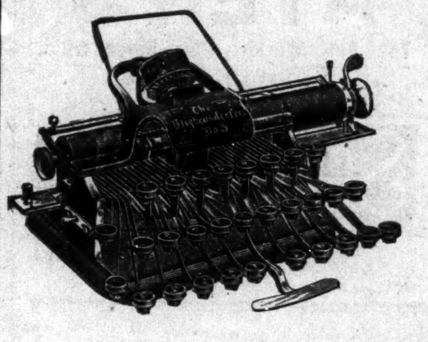

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